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SUBJECT: 55TH ECOSOC: SPEECH BY AMBASSADOR SCALI TO COUNCIL

1. PORTION OF AMBASSADOR SCALI'S STATEMENT TO ECOSOC
RE DRUG ABUSE QUOTED IN FULL BELOW:

QUOTE ANOTHER AREA IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES
BELIEVES THAT INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IS VITAL AND WHERE
WE HAVE STEPPED UP OUR CONTRIBUTIONS OVER THE
PAST YEAR IS IN THE FIELD OF DRUG ABUSE.
I WOULD BE LESS THAN CANDID, HOWEVER, IF I DID
NOT ADMIT TO OUR DISAPPOINTMENT IN THE RESPONSE
OF MANY OTHER UN MEMBER GOVERNMENTS.

IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT DRUG ABUSE IS A
PROBLEM ONLY OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, WHO,
THEREFORE, ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO NEED BE CONCERNED.
I NEED NOT TELL YOU WHAT A SIMILAR ATTITUDE OF
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INDIFFERENCE WOULD DO TO THE WORK OF THIS

ORGANIZATION IF THIS ARGUMENT WERE APPLIED TO THE PROBLEMS OF POVERTY, ILLITERACY AND DISEASE.

THE UN FUND FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL IS IN OPERATION. IT DEMONSTRATING IN THAILAND, AND HOPEFULLY SOON IN AFGHANISTAN, LEBANON AND ELSEWHERE, WHAT IT CAN ACHIEVE. MY FIRST ACT AS U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UN WAS TO PRESENT SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM WITH A U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO THIS FUND OF \$1 MILLION. IT IS NOW WITH PARTICULAR PLEASURE THAT I CAN READ, HERE IN GENEVA, THE CENTER OF UN ACTIVITY IN THIS FIELD, THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT NIXON, PLEDGING AN ADDITIONAL \$4 MILLION TO THE FUND. THE MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT SAYS: OPEN QUOTE. AS I HAVE STATED IN THE PAST, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO AN ALL-OUT ATTACK ON DRUG ABUSE. BECAUSE THIS MENACE KNOWS NO POLITICAL OR IDEOLOGICAL BOUNDARIES, WE HAVE CONSIDERED IT ESSENTIAL THAT THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD JOIN TOGETHER IN THIS EFFORT. THE UNITED STATES HAS THEREFORE BEEN A FIRM SUPPORTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL SINCE ITS INCEPTION. AS TANGIBLE EVIDENCE OF THE CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR ITS PROGRAMS, THE UNITED STATES HEREBY PLEDGES AN ADDITIONAL FOUR MILLION DOLLARS TO THE FUND. THIS CONTRIBUTION IS BASED ON OUR CONVICTION THAT A MULTILATERAL PROGRAM CAN FUND DRUG CONTROL PROJECTS WHICH NO SINGLE NATION CAN ACCOMPLISH ON ITS OWN, AND THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE GENEROUSLY TO IT. CLOSE QUOTE. I REALIZE THAT CONCERN OVER THE PROBLEM OF DRUG ABUSE VARIES FROM COUNTRY TO COUNTRY, AS INDEED DOES CONCERN OVER ALL OF THE QUESTIONS HANDLED BY THIS COUNCIL. THE PROBLEM, HOWEVER, CAN ONLY BE SOLVED INTERNATIONALLY. THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN ASKED, AND HAS GIVEN ASSISTANCE ON MATTERS OF PRINCIPAL CONCERN TO OTHERS ON INNUMERABLE

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OCCASIONS. NOW WE HAVE A PROBLEM WHICH FOR THE MOMENT AFFECTS US PERHAPS MORE THAN MOST. QUITE FRANKLY, WE ARE NOW ASKING FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN ATTACKING THIS EVIL AT ITS SOURCES. WE HOPE THIS COOPERATION WILL BE RENDERED IN A SPIRIT OF INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY. END QUOTE

2. FULL TEXT OF AMBASSADOR'S SPEECH WILL

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